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EMBASSY WAS INFORMED TODAY THAT DR. BERNHARD WITKOP, CHIEF,
LABORATORY OF CHEMISTRY, NIAMD, NIH, WAS AWARDED EMPEROR'S
SECOND CLASS ORDER OF THE SACRED TREASURE AT NOON, 11/7/75
TOKYO TIME. AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO DR. WITKOP BY VICE MINISTER
OF EDUCATION EITARO IWAMA. IT HONORED DR. WITKOP'S ROLE IN
ESTABLISHING NIH PROGRAMS FOR RECEIVING FOREIGN SCIENTISTS IN
THE U.S. FOR TRAINING, AND PARTICULARLY RECOGNIZED THAT SEVERAL
HUNDRED JAPANESE HAD BENEFITED FROM PROGRAMS. DR. WITKOP MAY
BE FIRST U.. GOVERNMENT SCIENTIST SO SELECTED AND IS PROBABLY
FIRST NIH EMPLOYEE TO BE GIVEN THIS DISTINCTION. BANQUET BEING
HELD IN TOKYO TONIGHT IN HONOR OF DR. WITKOP BY FOUR JAPANESE
PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES--CHEMISTRY, AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY,
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